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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | Application No.        | Applicant(s)     |
|                              | 10/052,450             | MUTA, TADAYOSHI  |
|                              | Examiner<br>Eugene Lee | Art Unit<br>2815 |

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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**.                                   2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/19/04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murohara 6,089,461 in view of Kasahara et al. 6,630,370 B2 in view of Orihara et al. 5,705,852. Murohara discloses (see, for example, FIG. 1 and 2) a semiconductor device comprising a LSI (IC chip) 3, die pad (IC chip supporting section), antenna (coil) 2, terminals (connecting terminals) 2a/2b, wires 6, and resin agent (resin) 4. One side of the coil is exposed to air from a surface of the resin agent. In FIG. 3, Murohara does not disclose sheets of tape bonding. However, Kasahara discloses (see, for example, Fig. 6) a coil 12 that is secured by tape members (sheets of tape bonding) 36. In column 4, lines 17-28, Kasahara teaches that the tape members prevents the coil from deforming which can cause short circuits. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the tape members (sheets of tape bonding) in order to prevent the coil from deforming.

Murohara in view of Kasahara does not disclose the IC chip supporting section, the coil, and the connecting terminals being formed of the same metal plate. However, Orihara discloses (see, for example, FIG. 5A and 5B) a semiconductor device comprising an IC chip 6, coil 2, terminals 2a/2b, and die pad. In column 5, lines 8-15, Orihara discloses a conductive layer (metal plate) 20 formed of copper foil. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the

art at the time of invention to have the IC chip supporting section, the coil, and the connecting terminals being formed of the same metal plate in order to save manufacturing time in using one plate, and to provide an adequate inductance and conductance in the semiconductor device with a material such as metal.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

### **INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONTACT THE USPTO**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1733. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on 571-272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Eugene Lee  
November 6, 2004



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